IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLN.NO.952 OF 2007

1. Mrs.Savita Moreshwar Deshpande
2. Mrs.Sonali Sanjay Surve
At preset in Jail (M.C.) at Pune ..Applicants

Vs.

State of Maharashtra ..Respondents

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Mr.V.G.Peshve Advocate for Applicants
Mr.V.B.Konde-Deshmukh A.P.P. for the State

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CORAM: SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.
DATE : APRIL 17, 2007

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1. Heard the learned advocate for the applicants and the learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The applicants are seeking bail in C.R.No.41 of 2007 of Vishrambaug Police Station, Pune city. The said case is mainly under Sections 420, 467 and 468 read with Section 34 of IPC.

3. It is the case of the prosecution that the husband of applicant no.1 opened an Investment Consultancy Firm and deceived in all 120 persons

and collected huge amount of money. It is the case of the prosecution that the present applicant who is the wife of original accused no.1 i.e. husband of the applicant, has assisted her husband in the said business. Applicant no.2 is the employee of applicant no.1 and she works in the office of applicant no.1. She is stated to have helped the other accused in the office work like notarising the documents and preparing stamp papers etc. Both the applicant nos.1 and 2 are ladies. It is seen that applicant no.2 is an employee working in the office. At this stage, prima facie it cannot be said that she knew that the other accused persons intended to cheat the investors. Hence, I am inclined to grant bail to her.

4. As far as applicant no.1 is concerned, she is also a young lady and she has a child of about two and half years who is in prison with her. The said child is disabled. Both the applicants have been in custody for almost two months. Moreover, the major role has been played by original accused no.1 and not these applicants. Looking to all these facts, I am inclined to grant bail.

5. The applicant no.1 to be released on bail in the sum of Rs.30,000/- (Rs.thirty thousand only) with one or two sureties to make up the said amount and applicant no.2 to be released on bail in the sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rs.fifteen thousand only) with one or two sureties to make up the said amount in C.R.No.41 of 2007 of Vishrambaug Police Station, Pune City. After their release on bail, both the applicants shall report to Vishrambaug Police Station from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. for a period of 15 days and thereafter once in a week till conclusion of the trial.

6. Application is disposed of.

[Smt. V.K.Tahilramani, J.]